

Office of the Minister MLA, Calgary-Hays

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Mr. Steve Upham Reeve County of St. Paul No. 19 5015 – 49th Avenue St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

Dear Reeve Upham:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, members of county council, and county administration on August 7, 2013, to discuss the current approval under the Alberta Municipal Water/ Wastewater Partnership – Water for Life initiative to upgrade the Ashmont Water Treatment Plant.

As discussed, the additional project costs cannot be approved at this time as no additional approvals will be issued in the next three years. The additional costs for your project would be eligible for future funding under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership – Water for Life initiative. The request for additional funding has been added to our request list and funding will be granted based on provincial priorities and budget levels. The County may continue to advance the project with provincial funding remaining at the current approval level. Interim financing costs, starting from the time a project is substantially complete, are considered an eligible cost and can be included as part of the new application.

Should the County decide not to award the current tender at this time and look to re-tender at a later date, the current approval and funding terms will remain active. In the future, should there be a need to request additional funding above your current limit; the existing application process will still need to be followed. I would encourage you to continue working with Transportation staff in assisting you towards the completion of this worthwhile project.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on this issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michael Botros, Regional Director, North Central Region

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